

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended): A surveillance system comprising a plurality of surveillance terminals and a surveillance center, the plurality of surveillance terminals being connected to the surveillance center by a network,

wherein one of said surveillance terminals detects a hazard and sends a hazard information signal reporting what hazard has just been detected to said surveillance center, and said surveillance center receives said hazard information signal, identifies a what type of ~~the~~ hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal, and selects one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of ~~the~~ hazard source and its locality, and wherein said selected surveillance mode is to be sent to each surveillance terminal, and said selected surveillance mode is selected from among surveillance modes ~~in which~~ whereby a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center, and

said surveillance center sends a command indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal.

4-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended): A surveillance system comprising a plurality of surveillance terminals and a surveillance center, the plurality of surveillance terminals located in a plurality of areas being connected to the surveillance center by a network,

wherein one of said surveillance terminals detects a hazard and sends a hazard information signal reporting what hazard has just been detected to said surveillance center, and

said surveillance center receives said hazard information signal, identifies ~~what a~~ type of ~~the~~ hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal, selects areas to be alerted to the hazard from among a plurality of areas ~~studded with~~ where said plurality of surveillance terminals are located, depending on the identified type of ~~the~~ hazard source and its locality, sends a hazard alert signal to the surveillance terminals that ~~fall~~ are located in the selected areas, selects one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality, and wherein said selected surveillance mode is to be sent to each surveillance terminal, and said selected surveillance mode is selected from among surveillance modes ~~in which~~ whereby a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center, and

said surveillance center sends a command indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal according to the area in which the surveillance terminal falls is located.

8. (currently amended): A surveillance system according to claim 7, wherein, when two or more of said plurality of surveillance terminals respectively detect a plurality of hazards and send respective hazard information signals to said surveillance center,

said surveillance center sets the surveillance mode for each of said areas to be alerted ~~at the~~ to a highest accuracy, and one of said surveillance modes separately assigned to ~~the area~~ to each of said areas, depending on each identified type of hazard source ~~type~~.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended): A surveillance system according to claim 3, wherein, when two or more of said plurality of surveillance terminals respectively detect hazards and send respective hazard information signals to said surveillance center, said surveillance center receive said respective hazard information signals, identifies ~~what the~~ type of ~~the~~ hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal for each of the plurality of hazards, and, depending on the identified type of

~~the~~ hazard source and its locality, sets the surveillance mode of each of said plurality of surveillance terminals ~~at the~~ to a highest accuracy, and one of the surveillance modes separately assigned to ~~the~~ an area in which the surveillance terminal ~~falls~~ is located, depending on each identified type of hazard source ~~type~~.

11-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A hazard and alert signaling method for use in a surveillance system where a plurality of surveillance terminals are connected to a surveillance center by a network,

said hazard and alert signaling method comprising a first process to be performed at one of said surveillance terminals and a second process to be performed at said surveillance center,

said first process comprising the steps of:

detecting a hazard; and

sending a hazard information signal to said surveillance center,

said second process comprising the steps of:

receiving said hazard information signal;

identifying ~~what~~ a type of ~~the~~ hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal; ~~and~~

selecting one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of ~~the~~ hazard source and its locality, and wherein said selected surveillance mode is to be sent to each surveillance terminal, and said selected surveillance mode is selected from among surveillance modes ~~in which~~ whereby a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center~~[[,]]~~; and

sending a command from said surveillance center indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal.

17. (canceled)